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Special session of the General Assembly against corruption

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 54/205 of 22 December 1999, 55/61 of 4 December 2000, 55/188 of 20 December 2000, 56/186 of 21 December 2001 and 57/244 of 20 December 2002, and recalling also its resolutions 58/205 of 23 December 2003, 59/242 of 22 December 2004, 60/207 of 22 December 2005, 61/209 of 20 December 2006, 62/202 of 19 December 2007, 63/226 of 19 December 2008, 64/237 of 24 December 2009, 65/169 of 20 December 2010, 67/189 and 67/192 of 20 December 2012, 68/195 of 18 December 2013, 69/199 of 18 December 2014 and 71/208 of 19 December 2016, and all relevant Human Rights Council resolutions, including resolutions 23/9 of 13 June 2013,[1] 29/11 of 2 July 2015[2] and 35/25 of 23 June 2017,[3]

Recalling also the entry into force on 14 December 2005 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption,[4] which is the most comprehensive and universal instrument on corruption, recognizing the need to continue to promote its ratification or accession thereto and its effective implementation, and acknowledging all relevant regional political declarations of Member States against corruption,

Stressing that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development[5] addresses the need to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels, and concerned about the seriousness of the problems and threats to the stability and security of societies posed by corruption, which undermine the

[1] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 53* (A/68/53), chap. V, sect. A.
[2] Ibid., *Seventieth Session, Supplement No. 53* (A/70/53), chap. V, sect. A.
[3] Ibid., *Seventy-second Session, Supplement No. 53* (A/72/53), chap. V, sect. A.
[4] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2349, No. 42146.
[5] Resolution 70/1.

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institutions and values of democracy, ethics and justice, and jeopardize sustainable development and the rule of law,

1. *Decides* to convene in the first half of 2021 a special session of the General Assembly on challenges and measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation;

2. *Also decides* that at that special session the General Assembly shall adopt a concise and action-oriented political declaration, agreed upon in advance by consensus through intergovernmental negotiations under the auspices of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption;

3. *Invites* the Conference of the States Parties to lead the preparatory process for the special session by addressing all organizational and substantive matters in an open-ended manner;

4. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to provide substantive expertise and technical support;

5. *Decides* to conduct the special session and its preparatory process from within existing resources.